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SUBJ: PAKISTAN: TRIBAL POLITICS. (U)

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TEXT: 1. (U) PATHAN TRIBAL LEADER MALIK WALI KHAN KUKI KHEL, WHO WAS FORCED INTO HIDING FOLLOWING LAST DECEMBER'S PARAMILITARY OPERATION AGAINST DISSIDENT TRIBES IN THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP), HAS RECONCILED WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

2. (U) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, WALI KHAN PLEDGED TRIBAL LOYALTY TO PAKISTAN AND THE NWFP GOVERNOR PROMISED ISLAMABAD WOULD HONOR PRINCIPLES AND JURISDICTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ESTABLISHED IN PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND TRIBAL LEADERS. AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT, WALI KHAN DEMANDED THE GOVERNMENT BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FINANCIALLY FOR THE DECEMBER OPERATION IN KHYBER AGENCY. THE LOCAL PRESS STATED THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE \$4.4 MILLION TO THE TRIBESMEN TO COMPENSATE FOR DESTROYED PROPERTY.

3. COMMENT: THE DECEMBER CRACKDOWN IN THE KHYBER AREA STEMMED FROM ISLAMABAD'S GROWING CONCERN OVER REPORTED SOVIET-AFGHAN EFFORTS TO SUBVERT TRIBES IN THE BORDER REGION. IN THE PAST, DISSIDENT TRIBES SUCH AS THE KUKI KHEL HAVE OFFERED THEIR LOYALTIES TO ANYONE WHO CONTROLS THE PURSE STRINGS. WHY WALI KHAN DECIDED TO COME OUT OF HIDING IS UNCERTAIN, BUT THE GOVERNMENT'S COMPENSATION OFFER WAS AN INFLUENTIAL FACTOR. REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH TRIBAL LEADERS VACILLATE IN THEIR ALLEGIANCES, THE BALANCE OF POWER ALONG THE BORDER IS UNLIKELY TO SHIFT SIGNIFICANTLY. VARIOUS CHIEFTAINS MAY TEMPORARILY COOPERATE WITH THE AFGHAN REGIME IN EXCHANGE FOR PROMISES AND BRIBES, BUT THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT USUALLY HAS THE SUPPORT OF MOST OF ITS PATHAN TRIBAL LEADERS.

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